

Paso del Norte Water Task Force MISSION

The Paso del Norte Water Task Force unites water managers, water users, experts and leaders of the communities working cooperatively to promote a tri - state, bi - national perspective on water issues that impact the future prosperity and long term sustainability of the region.

Paso del Norte Water Task Force Principles

Strives to be:

- **inclusive**
- **bottom up**
- **grass root**

It focuses on being:

- **binational**
- **multi jurisdictional (Tri - State)**
- **multi sectorial (Urban and Agriculture)**

Paso del Norte Water Task Force Characteristics

- Composed of a main-body Task Force and by a scientific - technical Support Team from universities and non-government organizations**
- Carries its mission through working groups led by Task Force members and staffed by Support Team members**
- Strives for Partnership opportunities with the water stakeholders in the region: Urban (M&I) and Rural (Agriculture)**

Paso del Norte Water Task Force Characteristics (continued...)

- Recognizes economic and population growth**
- Recognizes long-term sustainability and interaction of ground and surface waters**
- Has planning visions beyond project lifecycles**
- Fosters cooperation for building a planning capacity in the region**
- Works on processes and institutionalized regional water issues with a binational scope**

Paso del Norte Water Task Force Recommendations to the NM - TX Water Commission

- **Foster relationships for cooperation on projects of the Task Force and the NM - TX Water Commission**
- **Features and strengths of the Task Force should be preserved:**
 - **equal representation of Las Cruces, El Paso, and Cd Juarez, including agriculture and cities**
 - **Preserving direct link to community leaders**
- **work on a process for future coalition among entities working on water issues in the region**

Specific Areas of Cooperation

- **Expand on shared GIS and water resource database efforts currently underway within both groups**
 - **Hewlett water resource map**
 - **PdNWC Coordinated database project**
- **Link organizations through linking and building on each others webpages**
- **Explore future options for field visits across border, sector and region**